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INFAMOUS FIRES IN AMERICAN HISTORY

General Meeting
May 20 at 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 6, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

The Annual
VILLAGE FAIR
Raindate: Sunday, June 7 at noon

Our last meeting before summer arrives will take us back to some of the most destructive fires in the history of our country. The Great Chicago Fire of 1871, the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist



The colonial way

Factory Fire in New York, and, in 1944, the Great Ringling Brothers Fire in Connecticut are all on the program along with information about the evolution of fire fighting methods used since colonial times.

Nicholas Palumbo, our speaker, is well-qualified to tell us about this fascinating subject. He became a fire-fighter at the age of 18, a natural step for a young man

who had grown up interested in fires. Now, after more than 22 years of experience in the Fire Service as both a volunteer and a professional, he is well-versed in all phases of his profession with a background which includes arson and explosion investigations, fire education, prevention and emergency services. The recipient of many awards for excellence and achievement, Mr. Palumbo was also awarded a life saving ribbon in 1992.

Don't miss this dynamic speaker and his stories of "Infamous Fires in American History."

Look for our banner flying high over King's Highway again in the early part of June advertising our coming Village Fair. Saturday, June 6, is the date of one of our most important fundraisers. The Fair gives us the opportunity to touch bases with our old friends as well as to meet new members and hopefully introduce the Society to prospective members.

It all started as a Flea Market back in 1962, evolving over the years into the Fair as we know it today. We still rely on our members to supply most of the items to be sold and the manpower to do the selling, just as we did in the beginning.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us on June 6. Our garage is full of treasures and bargains galore. The always popular strawberries will be available along with baked goods, jewelry, books, commemoratives, and lunch. Add in some special treats - the Haddonfield Pick-up Band, Dave the Balloon Dude, a tour of Greenfield Hall - and you'll have a day to remember.

Please notice that we have designated June 7 as the Fair raindate. We're counting on Fair weather, sunny and warm, but just in case...

MEMORIAL DAY AND THE FOURTH OF JULY

Visit Greenfield Hall after the parades on our two important holidays. We'll be serving coffee, tea and snacks.

President's Corner

by Patricia Lennon

One of the compelling reasons which influenced a group of history-minded citizens to urge the formation of a historical society was their realization that valuable papers and artifacts related to Haddonfield and Haddonfield families were given outright or by will to out-of-town organizations for safekeeping and preservation. For example, the Clement papers are in the Pennsylvania Historical Society and the Nicholson family papers, at Haverford College.

With the incorporation of The Historical Society of Haddonfield and the opening of the Public Library & Historical Society Building, that outward migration stopped. Now there was a safe, secure place for storing the documents and an attractive setting for the display of furnishings and other gifts to the Society.

The word was out, and the gifts came pouring in. The Acquisition Book and early committee reports confirm the generosity of Haddonfield residents, and even former residents, in giving the new Society not only family papers, documents and books, but also silver, china, glassware, pottery, furniture (including display cases), clothing, domestic implements, tools, etc.

In the early days, that was fine. There was space, and all donations were welcome.

Today the picture has changed. First, space in Greenfield Hall is limited; and second, since today is tomorrow's history, the Society must look more to the future. What will future generations want to know about us, our town? What kind of a life did we lead? How did the events of the day affect Haddonfield and its residents? What was important in their lives? What kind of appliances did they use? How did they dress? How did they use their leisure?

The answers to these questions and many more will come from the gifts and donations we receive now and in the years to come. However, our most urgent task is to find space to accommodate these documents and artifacts. To do that, we are going to have to examine our collections in the light of their fulfilling the Society's mission - "...the study of the history of the

Borough of Haddonfield, in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey; the study of organizations, societies, families, individuals and events; the collection and preservation of articles of historic value; the establishment and maintenance of a historical library ..."

It is a challenging assignment and will require the time and talent of many Society members. If we want to give those who follow us as complete and well-documented a record as we inherited from the founders, we shall have to begin now.

For the Taking: Specific Jobs for Volunteers

It's the rare issue of the *Bulletin* which does not mention the Society's continuing need for volunteers. Yes, the Society does need volunteers, but to do what?

Here are some specific assignments which might strike the fancy of some of our members:

- 1) Research the spectacle collection. We recently received a request from a scholar in Charlotte, NC, for information about spectacles, spectaclemakers and silversmiths who make spectacles that we may have in our collection. He describes and illustrates precisely what he is looking for. It could be an interesting assignment.
- 2) Bringing the Society's Operations Manual up to date. It was last revised in 1994. Numerous changes in procedures and policies have been made since then. Whoever undertakes this task will find an analysis made by Dianne Snodgrass in 1995 extremely helpful. (For information about either of these two projects, please call Patricia Lennon, 428-0117.)
- 3) Joining Shirley Raynor in settling the Doll Collection into its new home on the second floor. Shirley can be reached at 428-6791.

Both the Library and Greenfield Hall are open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30; Greenfield Hall, on Wednesday morning, at the same time. The Library summer hours - Monday and Tuesday, from 9:30 to 11:30 - begin in June through July. Both buildings are closed during the month of August.

MORE ABOUT THE FAIR

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Our chairman, Nancy Burrough and her assistants, Sheila Hawkes and Alma Weiler, are requesting your help with the following:

- Baked goods and jellies
- Antiques and furniture
- Books and toys
- Vintage clothing
- Pictures and frames
- Tools
- Jewelry and collectibles
- Boutiques items
- Herbs and plants (garden and house)
- Your interesting ideas

All donations are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Invite your friends and family to contribute to our Fair also. Many times people are happy to have a place for the things they no longer want.

CONSIGNMENT ITEMS

We'll be selling items on consignment once again this year. Items valued at \$100 or more will be accepted; if the item is sold, the Society will keep 15% of the sale price. Otherwise, the consignment will be returned to its owner.

PICK-UP BAND

The Pick-up Band, under the able leadership of Tom Patton, will return this year to entertain us from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30. Everyone raved about them last year and we're looking forward to another rousing performance at this year's Fair. We feel very fortunate to have them with us.

THE MUSEUM SHOP

You're in for another treat on Fair day. The **Museum Shop** will be open for business. Dinny Traver and her helpers have rearranged the office which is located in the old section of Greenfield Hall, down three steps from the keeping room, into a lovely, imaginative shop which displays our souvenirs and commemoratives. Dinny promises that new items will also be available at that time. As a member, you are entitled to a 10% discount on all items from the Museum Shop.

DELIVERIES

Deliveries can be made to Greenfield Hall (the garage door) beginning Monday, May 25 between 9:00 A.M. and noon and every day until Fair day. If no one is there, leave your contributions at the garage door.

If you are not able to deliver your contributions, call us at the office, 429-7375, or telephone Nancy Burrough at 429-8361. Nancy will be glad to answer any questions you may have.



A scene from last year's Fair

TOURS OF GREENFIELD HALL (INCLUDING THE SECOND FLOOR)

Enjoy a tour of our beautiful headquarters on June 6th. Guides will be available to tell you about the various rooms including the ones upstairs. In addition to seeing the bedrooms, you'll want to view a display of hats through the ages, from Quaker bonnets to the flapper's cloche. You'll go away smiling. Then, in the newly renovated room in the rear of the second floor, you'll see the antique dolls Shirley Raynor has arranged for your admiration.

Don't miss this part of a full fun Fair Day.

LIBRARY NEWS by Kathy Tassini

The library has had a very busy winter which appears to be continuing into the spring. Harriet Monshaw, one of our library regulars, has finished her research on Elizabeth French Gill, the lady for whom Greenfield Hall was built. Harriet has turned over her manuscript to the Publications Committee which is preparing to publish it as a monograph in the fall. As a delightful secondary result of Harriet's work, the Society recently hosted the descendants of Mary Gill Hopkins who was the daughter of William Gill and the owner of Tavistock Farm. The descendants of Mary Gill's two sons, William Gill Hopkins and Johns Hopkins, have generously shared with us photographs and family stories which have added significantly to our knowledge of the next generation of the Gill family. A number of these photographs will be published in Harriet's monograph on Elizabeth French Gill.

In addition to Harriet's work, we are also helping the Tatem School research the history of the founding of the school. We find that although the Society has a number of items relating to the Tatem family, including J. Fithian Tatem's diplomas and a number of condolence letters at the time of his death, we do not have any materials from the period of construction or the dedication of the school. I would like to ask members of the Society whose parents may have saved items from the 1923 dedication of the school to contact me either at the Society (429-7375) or at home (429-2462). If you have these items but do not wish to part with them, we would be happy to just photocopy them so that we would have the information in our files for the future.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge a recent gift to the Library from the Indian King Questers of Haddonfield and the New Jersey State Questers. They have combined to donate the moneys needed for the purchase of a high-quality scanner which will be used to help us with our extensive photo collection. It will also enable us to make copies of unique items which are often brought in by researchers who are willing to share them but who wish to keep the originals themselves. This will be an important and significant aid to the preservation of our very important photo collection.

Speaking of computers, we are also in the process of preparing to purchase a new computer for library use. The current computer, donated by Sally Price Eynon, has served us well for several years, but now needs to be replaced by a more powerful system. Current technology and the extensive collection inventories done by the late Joseph Nicholson Hartel are ready to be combined through the use of a data base program to simplify access to the manuscript collections of the Society. If you are interested in assisting us with this important purchase you can drop me a note at Greenfield Hall or call me at either of the phone numbers listed above.

Finally, the coming summer means our seasonal change in hours. Beginning Monday, June 1st and continuing through the end of July the library will be open on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the first Sunday of June which is the 7th from 1 to 3 p.m. Since the first Sunday of July is the 4th of July weekend we will be closed. Like the rest of the Historical Society, the Library is closed for the month of August. We re-open the day after Labor Day, returning to our regular Tuesday and Thursday schedule in September.

Some Recent Donations:

Description of items in the Historical Society of Haddonfield 1991 Gill Exhibit from William J. Dillon and Louis LaCorte of

The Owl's Tale.

Photographs of the Redman House (Haddonfield) and a Redman Farm (Marlton) from Nancy M. Engle, Haddonfield.

Books on antiques, silver and other collections from the Estate of Miriam Seider through her parents, Mr. And Mrs. Sidney Seider, Westmont.

Photographs of John Gill V, VII & Ephraim T. Gill from Mrs. C. Barbara Smith, Laurel Springs.

Photographs of Johns Hopkins, Mary Gill Hopkins and Tavistock Farm

from Johns Hopkins of Philadelphia.

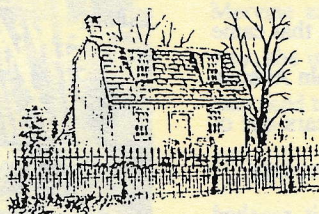
Miscellaneous flyers regarding the Haddonfield School Bond Vote, Feb. 1998 from Mary Jane Freedley of Haddonfield.
Copies of photos of houses on Washington Avenue & 200th Anniversary of the Founding Of Haddonfield from Joyce Connell of Moorestown.

Photographs, stereopticons and directories of Haddonfield from Mary Bauer of Haddonfield.

Pamphlets and Directories of Haddonfield from Tillie Clement of Haddonfield.

Genealogy - Descendants of George Jacob Graw from Doris E. Hutchison of Merchantville.

Deeds relating to 217 Homestead Avenue, Haddonfield from Betty and Stuart Lyons of Haddonfield.



LOST HADDONFIELD

It certainly isn't lost, but *Lost Haddonfield* is no longer available for sale at the Society. The last copy of the beautiful publication, which describes in words and pictures a Haddonfield long past, has been sold. The book, co-authored by our own Kathy Tassini and Doug Rauschenberger who later were appointed the first (Co)-Historians of the Borough of Haddonfield, was published by the Society in 1989.

A potential collector's item?

SUMMER JOB?

by Pat Lennon

Jim Hansen, he who on Halloween transforms the grounds of the Samuel Mickle House into a foggy, spooky old cemetery, collects epitaphs. On each visit to a cemetery, he wants tombstone browsers to discover something fresh and new, something they had not seen or read before.

To that end, he haunts old burial grounds looking for unusual inscriptions.

Perhaps some Society members share his interest in researching old cemeteries, learning from them something about the earlier community and its residents; and from reading epitaphs - some unintentionally amusing, some quirky and others, sad - about the individuals buried there. If, during their summer travels, members do discover an unusual inscription which strikes their fancy, please make a note of it and send it to Jim Hansen, c/o the Historical Society of Haddonfield, 343 King's Highway East, Haddonfield NJ 08033.

They may soon see it on a Hansen tombstone or, perhaps in print, in a future *Bulletin*.

HISTORY AWARD

It was in 1993 that the Society initiated **The Historical Society of Haddonfield History Award** for the Haddonfield Memorial High School graduating senior who had demonstrated an exceptional interest in and love for history. During the past five years, a \$100 savings bond and a copy of *Lost Haddonfield* has been awarded each year.

Beginning this year, the award will again consist of the \$100 bond, but since *Lost Haddonfield* is no longer available, a copy of a map of Haddonfield, dated 1899, complete with pictures of important landmarks in town, will be substituted. We are proud to encourage the young people of our town to look at history as an interesting and challenging subject.

The selection of the winner will be made with the cooperation of Henry Silver, Social Studies Coordinator. The award will be presented as part of Awards Ceremony Night.

ONE MORE NOMINATION

In our March *Bulletin* the Nominations Committee presented a partial slate of officers, made up of the four Trustees with terms expiring in 2001. At that time the slot for the Vice-Presidency was not filled.

The Committee is pleased to announce that Richard Walter has accepted that nomination and voting for the office will take place at the May 20th meeting. After the voting, before the program, all new officers will be sworn in.

Don't miss the opportunity to wish our new officers a successful tenure and also to hear a wonderful talk/slide program about fire fighting.

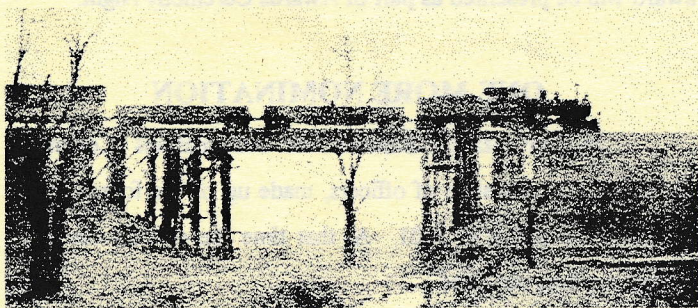
MEMORIES OF THE PHILADELPHIA, MARLTON AND MEDFORD RAILROAD COMPANY

by Don Harris

Built in 1881 to help farmers get their products to market more quickly, the Philadelphia, Marlton and Medford Railroad operated until 1931. Commuters also used this rather slow-moving line which, in spite of its name, ran from a siding that came to a dead-end at the Haddonfield Station, between Lincoln Avenue and the Highway, with a massive bumper to keep the cars out of the station. Trains could be switched over to the main line here.

Paralleling the main Atlantic City line until it reached Reillywood Avenue, the railroad began to curve eastward around the foot of Chestnut Street. From there it passed along the woods where the soccer field is now located and straightened out due east in time to cross Cooper's Creek.

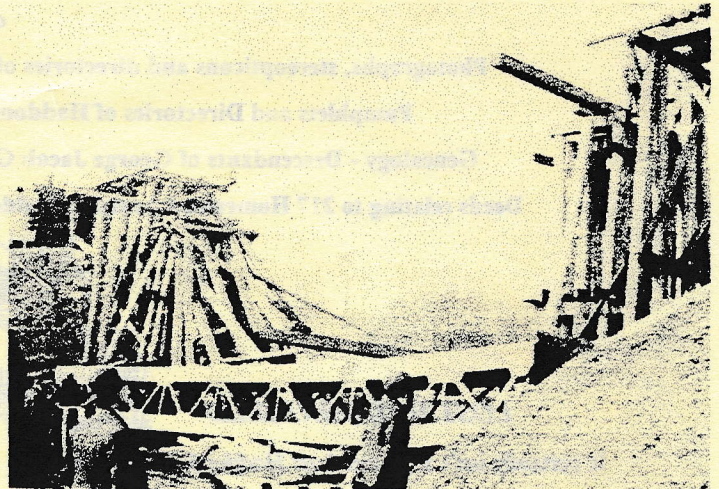
Railroads and steam locomotives have always been magnets for young boys, and we Haddonfield kids were no exception. In the late '20's and early '30's, we were particularly attracted to the bridge over the creek as a structure inviting adventure. Composed of three steel truss spans supported by two concrete piers (the piers are still there at the rear of the Tavistock Condominiums), it was known as "the trestle." The name was held over from the time it was indeed a trestle, supported by wooden piles. A few stubs of the sixteen-inch diameter wood still remain on the Haddonfield side at the creek bank.



Train No.816 crossing the trestle on a bleak March day in 1913.

In 1913 the trestle became concrete and steel, but not without an unfortunate accident. One of the spans slipped away and crashed to the creek bed, killing two and injuring six of the workers. Marion Pennypacker Tatem, a longtime resident of

Haddonfield, remembers running down to the scene from her home on Chestnut Street to view the disaster.



The center span of Bridge No.115 fell into the Cooper River on
December 24, 1911

Between the trestle and Haddonfield's Water Works was the town dump, a wonderful supplier of bottles and cans for us boys. We tossed them upstream and then bombarded them with stones and/or .22 caliber bullets as they passed by. We also dropped rocks between the ties in the middle of the bridge onto logs as they floated by, simulating aerial bombardment.

Climbing over, under and along the outer flanges of the spans created thrills aplenty. Our main concern was that a fast train would catch us in the middle of the bridge! But by then, service was almost halted; use of rural railroads had been sadly eroded by the automobile as a means of transportation. Also, we were unaware that the speed limit for trains on the Marlton, Medford Line was at most 40 miles an hour and actually 10 for the bridge crossing. We were hardly in jeopardy!

One final phase of the line was operation of an orange-colored trolley-like thing called a "Brill Gas Car." With a 70 horsepower gasoline engine, it was rather underpowered for the size of the car. It was employed to handle what little service was needed in the railroad's last few years. Termed "the meadow mouse" by trainmen, we in South Haddonfield called it "the dinky train" and could easily identify the sound as it rumbled around the curve at the foot of Chestnut Street. There was only one car and it suffered occasional mechanical problems. At such times, service

was stopped until a short train, drawn by a more reliable steam locomotive, would bail it out.

The three steel spans remained in place long after the removal of the tracks of the abandoned line in 1931. Finally, the spans were removed to become World War II raw material. Although the Marlton and Medford Line is long gone, many vestiges of it remain along the right of way which may be discovered if one is cognizant of where it once ran.

We are grateful to the West Jersey Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. for allowing us to use their pictures in this article. More information about this railroad can be found in the Haddonfield Public Library, in our Historical Society Library and in "Lost Haddonfield" by Kathy Tassini and Doug Rauschenberger.

POCKET PARK GARDENERS

by Nancy Burrough

Greenfield Hall is one of the most beautiful properties in Haddonfield with a very lovely old historic garden. Unfortunately, the Society cannot afford professional gardening rates. Therefore, if thirty members will volunteer to help perhaps two hours a month, think of the difference it will make.

A Pocket Park Gardener is responsible for an area of our property approximately 15 to 20 feet. The gardeners do the weeding, trimming, pruning or whatever necessary at a time convenient to their own personal schedules.

I hope all of you have had long winter naps and are eager to get started again. Those of you who have a spot, please feel free to begin anytime. I certainly will appreciate not having to make phone calls.

We very much are in need of **NEW GARDENERS**, so please let me know of your interest and we'll get together to find you a pocket. To volunteer, call me at 429-8361. Thank you so much.

RENTALS OF GREENFIELD HALL

Remember Greenfield Hall when you want to provide the perfect setting for small gala events. Weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, graduations and christening

celebrations are somehow more beautiful when presented in our lovely headquarters.

Business luncheons and sales meetings, seminars, teas and desserts also have become memorable events when the locale was Greenfield Hall.

To make arrangements for your rental, call Deborah Mervine at 428-0053. Debbie will be happy to help you in any way; she is able to suggest caterers and other service persons you may need to bring your big day to a happy conclusion.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION

Summer is a good time to put down on paper some of your reminiscences about growing up in Haddonfield. We've been publishing memories of people who lived in our town at some point in their childhood, and we'd be pleased to be able to publish your story. It's through stories of everyday life in a community that that community "comes alive" to future generations.

As yet we have no articles from those of you who grew up during the '40's or more recently. Of course, we're still hoping to get more experiences from the earlier decades also.

So, write your reminiscences and call Connie Reeves at 429-0326 to make arrangements for its publication. Or e-mail her the copy at creeves7@aol.com. You'll enjoy seeing yourself in print.

GARDEN CLUB HERB AND PERENNIAL SALE

Come to Greenfield Hall on Thursday, April 30 from 9AM to 7PM to take advantage of the Garden Club's yearly herb and perennial sale. 65 new perennials are being offered this year in addition to all the other favorites. Members of the Club will be on hand to help you with your selections and to share their new ideas with you. Besides the plants, garden items such as birdhouses and strawberry jars along with home-made baked goods will be available.

FOUND: ONE BLUE COAT

A bright blue woman's coat was left in Greenfield Hall during the past month. If it belongs to you, or if you know to whom it belongs, please contact us at 429-7375.

SPOTLIGHT ON BETTY LYONS by Connie Reeves

The Historical Society of Haddonfield is fortunate to have dedicated members who are willing and able to participate in various capacities in our organization. Throughout the years our volunteers have provided the foundation for the growth and the very existence of the Society. Elizabeth Alice Lyons is one of this special group.

Betty has served as Treasurer, Trustee, docent, assistant to the librarian, editor of the *Bulletin*, and tireless researcher. She has presented programs for general meetings and for the Candlelight Dinner; she writes articles for the *Bulletin* and is in the process of completing, along with her brother, Stuart, a definitive book on the life of Elizabeth Haddon.

A lifelong resident of Haddonfield, Betty's schooling began in the old wooden kindergarten building next to Elizabeth Haddon School; in 1945, she graduated from Haddonfield Memorial High School. Always an avid reader, she developed an interest in sports as well in high school. Field hockey was on her agenda for four years. Tennis was a favorite and she played in tournaments during high school and after graduation. Using the YMCA in Camden, a small group, including Betty, made up the swimming team at that time.

During World War II Betty became a Civil Defense Aide and was involved in Red Cross first aid training. Because of the shortage of manpower during her junior year in school, she and other juniors and seniors were recruited to become student operators at the local telephone company which had offices on King's Highway East just above Tanner Street. The young ladies worked after school and during the summer for the magnificent sum of 41 and a half cents an hour! Betty continued working there after high school graduation as a supervisor/teacher until the office was closed in February of 1952 when the new dial system came into effect.

Her next position was suggested by a neighbor, Joseph Portley, Haddonfield Health Officer. He arranged an interview with Dr. Hugh D. Palmer, the physician in charge of the State Department of Health's Southern State Health District located on Redman and Haddon Avenues in town. Betty was hired and began a career which would encompass 43 years.

As more emphasis was put on developing major diversified technical programs, the work in the health department became more challenging and medically oriented, necessitating better managerial techniques. As a result, Betty decided to enroll at the University of Pennsylvania where, along with her major courses, she also studied archeology. After her graduation from Penn with a BA in Humanities in English, she continued studying managerial skills for three years at the Fels Institute of Local and State Government.

The 43 years Betty spent with the State Department of Health varied considerably as medical innovations in public health were instituted. It was a period of advancement which saw the Salk and Sabin vaccine clinics and the first flu vaccine campaign; it was also a period in which a deadly serum hepatitis problem surfaced along with other communicable diseases and typhoid epidemics. Working with crippled children stands out as a highlight of her career.

Most of us know Betty as the consummate traveler. Her love of traveling along with her love of history started early when her family's summer vacations were spent extensively exploring the eastern coast of the United States. However, after World War II she started in earnest, with a prop plane flight to Europe.



How many of us can match her record? More than 100 trips flying across the Atlantic, 12 across the Pacific, some both north and south covering Africa, South America, Australia, Asia and, of course, all the states of the Union. She has spent time in Russia and India; at least seven trips to England have focused on the background of the family of Elizabeth Haddon. Twenty-five or more cruises, including several of a month or more, have taken her to such exotic places as the Andamen Islands, Suez Canal, Cape Horn, Cape of Good Hope, Greenland, Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Falkland Islands. She and her brother

incorporate study and research in their travel schedules and as a result, they have given many lectures on their experiences.

In addition, they have both talked on such subjects as herbs, the Underground Railroad, Hadrosaurus, wildlife and the history of various places, with the emphasis on Haddonfield.

We are very fortunate to have such a capable member. Come to meet the versatile Betty Lyons at our library in the Samuel Mickle House on Tuesday and Thursday mornings where she is a regular volunteer. She'll be happy to assist you with your genealogical questions, help you find the background of your period house, and perhaps even offer a few suggestions about your next trip!

60 YEARS AGO

Parker Griffeth, owner and operator of Griffeth Electric located on King's Highway until just a few years ago, has donated a 1938 *Souvenir Programme* of the opening of the Society's headquarters when it was moved from the Library to 231 King's Highway East, west of the Indian King Tavern. The articles on this page and the next have been taken from that program.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME



FORMAL OPENING

OF THE

HEADQUARTERS

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD, N. J.

231 KING'S HIGHWAY EAST



TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22, 1938

8:00 TO 10:00 O'CLOCK

ADVERTISERS IN THE PROGRAMME

The *Souvenir Programme* of the Formal Opening included not only background information pertaining to the Society and its new headquarters but also listed officers and committees, 137 charter members and membership requirements. Local businesses made contributions and are listed throughout the booklet.

Starting with the first page, the advertisers are:

California Market House,

Chas. T. Farrow, Pharmacist

Neumeyer's Kodak and Agfa Agency

H. Y. Griffeth, Electrical Store

Dager Music Conservatory

Francis Wolfe Carey, Antiques

J. J. Schlecht, West End Bakery

H. P. Dreyer, Inc., Plumbing and Heating

Willits Coal and Lumber Comp'y

Frank A. Coleman, Registered Pharmacist

Alfred T. England

Sam S. Yampell

James Stretch

James Trend Co.

Haddonfield National Bank

The Haddon Gazette

Finney Wood's Shop

Wm. S. Holmes, Inc., Floors Refinished

Farrell, Hayney & Knight, Incorporated, Real Estate-Insurance

William J. Stevenson, Paper Hanging - Decorating

Arthur L. Stephenson, Contractor and Builder

Haddon Grove Floral Gardens

Thor's Pharmacy

Ricci Shoe Service

South Jersey Dye Works

How many businesses do you remember?

231 KING'S HIGHWAY EAST

The formal opening of the Headquarters of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, N.J., 231 King's Highway East, took place on Tuesday evening, February 22, 1938 from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. The *Souvenir Programme* describes the new home of the Society as follows:

"Although 231 King's Highway East was built a hundred years ago, it was found to be in very good condition and required little actual work to make it suitable for our purposes. The wonderful wide board floors lent themselves to modern treatment, and Mr. Wm. S. Holmes, Inc., have made them a thing of beauty for this and future generations.

Wm. J. Stevenson and his expert paper hangers have put on the wall, artistic papers of the style of a hundred years ago; these blend with the old furniture and produce a satisfying result.

Arthur L. Stephenson did the little carpentering necessary and made the doors and windows open and close properly and easily.

William B. Dorn furnished keys where they were lost and fitted locks and keys to furniture that had not had them before, so that all articles are safe from handling by profane hands.

It was first thought that a new roof would be necessary, but Alfred T. England made a few repairs, and a coat of paint finished the safeguarding of that part of the house.

The painting of the inside woodwork was done of Allchin of Mt. Ephraim.

As yet no plans are made for keeping the house open for visitors daily; there may be a committee on duty on certain days or a permanent caretaker may be secured; all depends on the need for such service and the financial situation. At present, a communication to any member of the Headquarters Committee will result in someone being in attendance at a specified time to do the honors."

The Headquarters Committee included: Mr. Herbert Leicht, Miss Marion C. Nicholson, Mrs. R. B. Huffman, Curator, Mr. Louis B. LeDuc, Treasurer, Miss Gertrude Smith, and Mr. George Howard Walton. We'd like to hear to hear about their experiences.

MORE ABOUT 231

Another article includes the recollections of Mrs. G. M. Murray who writes that "The first houses built on this site were one and a half story frame buildings with dormer windows. The one next to the Indian King was owned by Isaac Kay, the middle one by Thomas Denny, and the third one by John G. Shivers who lived in it from 1827 till it was moved to Ellis Street in 1836. It is now known as the Matlack House, or Hip-roofed House. In 1836, John G. Shivers built the present brick house for Squire Clement."

She goes on to state that each house had a basement kitchen, two rooms on the first floor, three on the second, three on the third. Most people ate in their kitchens except when guests were entertained and the back parlor, separated from the front parlor by high folding doors, became the dining room.

FROM THE PROGRAMME

Another article from the program reminisces that Elizabeth Haddon, when she came from England in 1701 to look after her father's property, "thought little then that the events of tonight would result from her coming here." It goes on to report that Haddonfield is unique in being one of the two towns in New Jersey to have its own Historical Society; Vineland is the only other.

"Mr. Ephraim Tomlinson Gill served as the first President and retired in favor of James Lane Pennypacker who died in 1934. Mr. C. Walter Ellis, then Vice-President, carried on the work for two years and our present head is Walter Cox. From its first conception, the idea for a headquarters for exhibition and storage purposes was the aim of our work, and the formal opening of 231 King's Highway East is a fitting climax to our twenty-five years of work. We all know how Mrs. Gill gave of her time and knowledge and effort to further the organization, and most of us remember the interesting and amusing papers she read at the meetings twice a year, noting the gifts and loans, and describing them, and entertaining us with historic facts she wove about those otherwise rather prosaic lists. How we wish she could be here tonight to rejoice with us!"



We are happy to welcome
Barbara W. Roe, Ellen D. Winslow, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stuessy
as new members.

We're so glad you joined - hope to see you at our spring functions.



MAY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH! Many thanks to all of you for returning your renewals promptly. It has become very costly to have to mail second notices so you can be sure we appreciate your cooperation.

We're hoping to see our membership grow once again and with your help, we'll be able to "reverse the tide" we've experienced the past few years. Please use the following form as an invitation for your friends to join. Along with membership come free tours, 4 *Bulletins* yearly, a 10% discount on our books and commemoratives, and notices of all special events. With your support, we can perpetuate the Society as the invaluable community resource that it is.

Here's how it was 60 years ago. It does prove that times change.

From the *Souvenir Programme* of 1938

MEMBERSHIP

Unlike a club, membership in the Historical Society brings few privileges, though the three regular meetings each year are interesting and frequently amusing, and the Candle Light Supper in February has a few distinctive features which make it one of the most popular events for the older members, and even many younger people attend.

Anyone living in Haddonfield or its vicinity, is eligible; we also have a few members out of state. The dues are \$1.00 annually, and the payment of \$20.00 at one time constitutes a life membership.

If you are interested in joining, ask one of the members to nominate you at one of the regular meetings, and the rest will be easy.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD - 1998-99

I (We) would like to join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$ 20.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household | 35.00 | (includes 2 adults and all children living at same residence) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing (per person) | 50.00 | |
| * <input type="checkbox"/> Greenfield Circle (per person) | 100.00 | |
| * <input type="checkbox"/> Gill Society (per person) | 200.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (per person) | 500.00 | |

Name _____

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Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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